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EXPANSION OF USSR POSTAL SERVICES

AIR MAIL -- Moscow, Izvestiya, 4 Jul 52

By the end of 1951, the amount of air mail handled in the USSR was 3 times as great as in 1940, and the total length of air mail routes was 2.5 times the 1940 length.

Moscow, Sovetskiy Svyazist, No 11, Nov 52

According to the Fifth Five-Year Plan, the volume of air mail handled in 1955 will be twice the amount handled in 1950. Since the beginning of World War II, USSR air mail routes have been extended by 40,000 kilometers.

Moscow, Sovetskiy Svyazist, No 9, Oct 52

In 1952, supplementary air freight routes have been organized. They are Kiev-Kherson-Kakhovka, Kiev-Nikolayev, Zaporozh'ye-Kamenka-Bol'shoy Tokmak, Kherson-Nizhniye Saragozy-Sivash, Nikolayev-Snegirevka, and others.

Tbilisi, Zarya Vostoka, 10 Jul 53

In 1953, 14 times more mail is being flown out of Moscow than in 1946. From 1946 to 1953, the length of air mail routes increased 50 percent. New air mail routes have been added in 1953 from Moscow and Leningrad to Petrozavodsk and Murmansk, from Moscow to Vorkuta, from Kiev to Kakhovka, and from Khabarovsk and Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk to the Kurile Islands. Mail is delivered by air to most of the rayons of Sverdlovskaya, Novosibirskaya, and Astrakhanskaya oblasts, and to rayons of the Uzbek SSR, Kazakh SSR, and Kirgiz SSR.

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ORDINARY MAIL -- Moscow, Sovetskiy Svyazist, No 8, Aug 52

There are more than 130,000 kolkhoz mailmen in the USSR. However, many people in rural areas do not receive their mail on time or at all because some of the mailmen are illiterate, and because in a number of oblasts no contracts have been made with kolkhozes for carrying the mail. In Chelyabinskaya Oblast there are ten rural routes which receive mail two to five times a week instead of six to seven times a week. Delivery is even less frequent in other oblasts.

Moscow, Izvestiya, 2 Jul 53

Mail deliveries in cities of the Bashkirskaya ASSR are fast enough, but kolkhozes in rural areas do not have adequate delivery service because of the poor organization of deliveries. In some rayons, the mail on intrarayon routes is often given to passers-by to deliver on their way.

Tashkent, Pravda Vostoka, 1 Apr 53

From 1951 to 1953, the number of mail boxes in Tashkent grew from 175 to 300.

Moscow, Moskovskiy Komsomolets, 6 Jun 53

There are more than 3,000 mail boxes in Moscow. More than a million letters are gathered from these mail boxes daily. About 150 motor vehicles deliver mail to the Moscow railroad stations and airport every day. More than 100 trains and tens of airplanes carry mail from Moscow every day.

Daily, 35,000 letters and packages containing printed matter leave Moscow for foreign lands. The volume of foreign correspondence has grown to 20 times the 1950 volume.

In comparison with 1940, the number of letters in the mail has grown 50 percent and the number of packages and telegrams has almost doubled.

Alma-Ata, Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, 13 Feb 53

In 1952, 50 new post offices (pochtovoye otdeleniye) were opened in the Kazakh SSR.

Vil'nyus, Sovetskaya Litva, 16 Jul 52

On 15 July 1952, the main city post office in Vil'nyus was opened. It is located at No. 9, Ulitsa Gedimina. It handles mail, telegrams, phototelegrams, and telephone communications.

Vil'nyus, Sovetskaya Litva, 16 Apr 53

There are 892 kolkhoz mailmen in Vil'nyusskaya Oblast. However, deliveries are not as regular as they should be.

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MAIL ORDER SERVICE -- Vil'nyus, Sovetskaya Litva, 5 Aug 53

Today, the Novosibirsk Branch of "Soyuzposyltorg" (All-Union Mail Order Trade Organization) sent packages of consumers' goods to 430 remote points in Siberia and the Far East. Each month, from 10,000 to 12,000 letters with orders for goods are received by the Novorossiysk Branch of "Soyuzposyltorg." Since the beginning of 1953, "Soyuzposyltorg" has mailed more than 60,000 packages valued at 22.5 million rubles.

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